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SUBJECT: U.S.-ROMANIAN BILATERAL TARIFF DISCUSSIONS

1. GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA HAS REQUESTED THAT TARIFF
DISCUSSIONS BE HELD IN BUCHAREST SEPTEMBER 28-30. BECAUSE
OF OUR INVOCATION OF ARTICLE XXXV OF THE GATT (WHICH
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PROVIDES FOR THE NON-APPLICATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CONTRACTING PARTIES), THE U.S. IS NOT ENGAGING IN FORMAL
TARIFF DISCUSSIONS WITH ROMANIA IN THE MTN. HOWEVER,
WITHOUT DISINVOKING ARTICLE XXXV, WE MAY DISCUSS TARIFF
ISSUES WITH ROMANIA BILATERALLY.

2. SEPTEMBER 28-30 BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WILL FOCUS ON

FOLLOWING:

- VALUE TO GOR OF U.S. FORMULA TARIFF OFFER TABLED IN THE MTN.
- ROMANIA'S INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL TARIFF REQUESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.
- --- U.S. NONTARIFF MEASURE REQUESTS OF ROMANIA.

FYI: THE UNITED STATES IS UNWILLING AT THIS TIME TO ACCEPT ROMANIAN TARIFF CUTS AS RECIPROCITY FOR U.S. CONCESSIONS IN

THE MTN. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN DISCOURAGING TARIFF CUTS BY ROMANIA SINCE ITS TARIFFS MAY BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC REGULATORS IN THE FUTURE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY RESERVE 5 SINGLES FOR U.S. DELEGATION NIGHTS OF SEPTEMBER 28, 29, 30 AND OCTOBER 1. NAMES OF U.S. DELEGATION AND FULL FLIGHT INFORMATION WILL BE CABLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED, DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN BUCHAREST AT 14:45 ON THE 28TH. ROMANIANS HAVE INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF SHORT MEETING IN LATE AFTERNOON OF THE 28TH. EXPECT MOST OF DISCUSSIONS COULD BE COMPLETED ON 29TH. CHRISTOPHER

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